

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Office action mailed March 25, 2005. Claims 1-16 were rejected under §102 as being anticipated by the prior art referred to in Applicants' drawing Figures 1 and 2. Claims 1, 4-7, 10-14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by McClanahan et al. Claims 7-16 have been cancelled and claim 1 has been amended to more specifically define the claimed construction and to define over the prior art illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings as well as the McClanahan reference.

Claim 1 as amended defines the claimed safety notch as extending entirely through one of the opposite ends of the partial cylindrical portion adjacent the axial opening into the shaft receiving slot so as to define a radial opening extending from the shaft receiving slot entirely through the cylindrical portion in a direction transverse to the axial direction of the shaft receiving slot. Neither the prior art illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of the application nor McClanahan show this claimed construction. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended and each of the claims dependent thereon patently define over cited prior art.

Claims 2 and 3 have also been amended to correct the indefiniteness referred to by the Examiner in the Office action mailed March 25, 2005.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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